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RSC Update: In 2012, Our Vision Must Be Crystal Clear

From the Chairman

The November 2010 elections sent an influx of conservatives to Congress with a genuine desire to solve our country's biggest challenges. But make no mistake, the troubles Americans have faced in recent years have not yet been conquered.

Millions remain unable to find a job. Washington continues to spend and borrow way too much. ObamaCare puts unconstitutional demands on citizens even as health care costs keep going up. The structural weaknesses that endanger Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security have not yet been fixed.

Conservatives spent the past year confronting these challenges head on. The Republican Study Committee proposed the [Jobs Through Growth Act](#) to grow our economy with less red tape, more energy production, and a simpler, flatter tax code. We voted to repeal ObamaCare and worked toward lowering costs through greater choice and competition.

Our [Cut, Cap, and Balance](#) plan would have finally forced Washington to live within its means. And our [budget](#) attempted to strengthen Medicare & Social Security while giving States the flexibility they need in Medicaid to prevent it from breaking the bank.

Through it all, we hoped the Democrats controlling the Senate and White House were willing to work with us in the interest of country. Unfortunately, the President spent the past year trying to boost his own chances for reelection by avoiding real cooperation. It is a cynical strategy, and Senate Democrats happily played along.

So far, all signs point to more of the same in 2012. So where does that leave us? [I agree with Senator Ron Johnson](#). Our only choice is to continue providing Americans an unambiguous contrast between the liberal and conservative visions for our nation's future.

It must be crystal clear who supports government growth vs. private sector growth.

It must be crystal clear who lives in a fairy tale world with no limits on spending and debt vs. the real world where families, businesses, and governments must seek to live within their means.

It must be crystal clear who puts their faith in government mandates and venture socialism vs. liberty and free enterprise.

The conservatives in the Republican Study Committee will not waver. We will continue to defend the cause of liberty and seek out real solutions to the challenges at hand. We *will* because we *must*.

God Bless,

Congressman Jim Jordan
Chairman, Republican Study Committee

RSC Media Activity – RSC members work hard to ensure that the conservative viewpoint is well-represented in all corners of the media. Visit our [Media Center](#) for more.

- Rep. Ed Royce (CA-40): [The Folly of “Managed” Taiwan Ties](#); The Diplomat, January 11.
- Rep. Sandy Adams (FL-24): [The Great Divide – the Lack of Progress When One Chamber Refuses to Govern](#); Roll Call, January 12.
- Rep. John Fleming (LA-04): [Defense Strategy Only Charts America’s Decline](#); The Hill, January 12.
- Rep. Howard P. “Buck” McKeon (CA-25): [Obama’s Damaging Blow to Our Military](#); The Washington Post, January 12.
- Rep. Jim Jordan (OH-04): [Embodiment of America’s Spirit](#); The Washington Times, January 12.
- Rep. Reid Ribble (WI-08) & Rep. Scott Rigell (VA-02): [How to Reform a Failing Congress](#); Politico, January 16.
- Rep. James Lankford (OK-05): [Dealing with Debt Shouldn’t be a ‘Game of Chicken’](#); Politico, January 17.
- Rep. Bobby Schilling (IL-17): [Jobs Are a Red-White-and-Blue Issue](#); Politico, January 17.

RSC Member Activity – RSC members make it a priority to introduce productive, conservative solutions for America’s future.

- Rep. Diane Black (TN-06) introduced a [House resolution](#) disapproving of President Obama’s so-called recess appointments, including the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) as well as three members of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).
- Rep. Jeff Landry (LA-03) introduced [H.R. 3770](#) to stop the exploitation of the recess appointments process by the Obama Administration.

Outlook – A quick look at what’s on the horizon.

- On Wednesday, the House is expected to vote to disapprove of the final debt limit increase from the August debt deal.

RSC Reports

- Each week the House is in session, the RSC Budget and Spending Taskforce compiles a [weekly report](#) on the latest budget and spending news. Additionally, the [RSC Money Monitor](#) tracks how bills passed by the House affect authorizations, mandatory spending, and federal government revenue.

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